



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Timothy M. Kaine
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To All Virginia Dentists:

Three years ago, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Virginia Dental Association (VDA) and the Old Dominion Dental Society (ODDS) started *Smiles For Children*, a brand new dental program for Medicaid, FAMIS, and FAMIS-Plus children. Since that time, the program has received national attention as a model for Medicaid/SCHIP dental programs.

The results of our new program have been remarkable. Since its inception, the number of participating dental providers has increased 75%. More importantly, the percentage of eligible children receiving services has increased by 55%.

However, there are thousands of children still in need of your care.

I write to ask those of you who do not participate to consider becoming a provider. While we have much to celebrate, we can accomplish greater success by having you join our efforts and help us reach even more children. *Smiles For Children* is a vastly different program from the old Medicaid system that some of you may remember, and it receives high satisfaction ratings from our participating dentists. The program is administered by Doral Dental USA with input and assistance from Virginia dentists who are members of the Department of Medical Assistance Services' (DMAS) Dental Advisory Committee. Please visit the Doral website at <http://www.doralusa.com/Default.aspx> for more information, and seriously consider joining the *Smiles For Children* program. You can make a real difference in the lives of Virginia's children!

I want to personally thank each of you who are participating dentists in this program and who continue to provide critical oral health services to our children. The successes achieved are the direct result of your commitment to helping children in need. I commend you for serving those in the Commonwealth who are less fortunate and appreciate your efforts very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tim Kaine", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy M. Kaine